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1. The airfield is approximately 7 km northwest of Voroshilovgrad (40°34'N/39°20'E), Ukrainian S.S.R., just west of a road leading from the town to a plateau. The field, about 3 km square, sloped slightly to the west and was surrounded by a wire fence. There was an 8-m concrete runway, approximately 40 meters wide, of which about 100 to 150 meters could be seen.
2. The buildings at the field included six hangars, each approximately 30 x 70 meters, passing with corrugated sheet metal roofs, three five-story barracks buildings, each about 30 meters long, two four-story barracks buildings, each approximately 30 meters long, probably officers' billets; and two large warehouses.
3. The field was occupied by single-engine fighters or ground attack aircraft which flew mostly in two flights of three planes each. The noise of bombs exploding about 1 km from the field was occasionally heard. The bombing practice was during the day. After October 1943 jet aircraft also made strikes at the field.
4. The airfield was observed from a distance. It was located northwest of the Voroshilovgrad central railroad station.
5. According to the flying activity observed, the field was occupied by approximately 30 single-engine fighters, low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines and landing gear retracting outward, and two or three biplanes. Three or four fighters, which took off individually from the field, were seen in the air continually. Individual planes made stunt flights while the others circled over the town. The planes usually landed after 15 to 20 minutes. Formation flights lasting approximately 30 minutes were also observed. No night flights or parachute jumps were seen.

Attachment: Sketch of Voroshilovgrad airfield.

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